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AMENDMENTSTOTHEDRAWINGS:

There are no drawing amendments presented herewith.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 7 – 9 remain in this application. Claims 1 – 6 have been canceled. New claims 7 – 9 have been introduced to claim applicant's invention using proper claiming structure.

No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

The key to Applicants' invention resides in the ability to mount fixedly a bolt to the surface of a power distribution box independent of other power distribution box components in an easy and efficient manner. Additionally, the use of dentations on the legs of the U-shaped metallic part allows for locking of the bolt head to a surface of a power distribution box quickly and easily. Clearly when viewed in this light Applicant's claimed invention is not disclosed, taught, or fairly suggested by the cited reference.

Claims 1 – 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner states:

The claims are generally narrative and indefinite without specifically defining the structure which applicant intends to claim. For example, looking at claim 1: it is unclear what is the limits of the "system" as in the preamble since the system is only claimed as "for" the screw and plastic support thus is the system limited to the metal part as implied in the preamble or the metal part in combination with the screw and plastic support as in the body of the claims; it is "of special application" requires an automobile and does "specifically" further limit it to a distribution box and would that be required to be in an automobile?; it is unclear that is intended by "materialized"; it is unclear if "special housing" has any significance; "acts" is indefinite; there is no antecedent basis for "the recess" and; there is no antecedent for "its own fixing". The subsequent claims also include similar areas of indefiniteness requiring correction.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. By this amendment Claims 1 – 6 have been canceled and replaced with new Claim 7 – 9 which claim Applicant's invention using proper claim structure. Thus, the rejection based on the claims being generally narrative and indefinite without specifically defining the structure is now moot.

When viewed in light of the amendments to the claims presented herewith it is

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clear that the claimed invention is now ready for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 – 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yang (US 5,795,193). Specifically, the Examiner states:

Initially, it should be recognized that the claims were considered as best understood with the system being inclusive of the combined metal part, plastic support, and screw. In that regard, Yang discloses a system comprising a screw (18), plastic support (10) intended for use in an automobile and a metallic part (50). The metallic part is U-shaped (see Fig. 3) and includes a hole (62) in its central branch which receives the screw (see Fig. 4) such that the combined screw and metal part is received into a special recess (40) in the plastic support. There further is provided a bottom to the recess (at 46) and grooves which receive the petal part (at portion 52) and lastly, there is provided dentations (66 and 76).

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. In light of Applicants adding new claims 7 – 9 and canceling original claims 1 – 6 Applicant's remarks respond to the rejection as directed toward the remaining new claims 7 – 9. A fair reading of the Yang reference discloses a power distribution box for use in an automobile that fixedly attaches a bolt head through the body of the power distribution box and requires a fitting on an electrical bus bar to attach fixedly said bolt head. Additionally, the legs of the generally U-shaped electrical bus bar do not engage the power distribution box by means of dentations but instead require separate wing-like structures on each leg to engage said power distribution box. Applicants' claimed invention on the other hand eliminates the need for both a set of wing-like structures being formed on the U-shaped bus bar legs, does not require the bolt be mounted through the body of the power distribution box, and does not require a separate electrical component of the power distribution box assembly to mount the bolt head to the power distribution box.

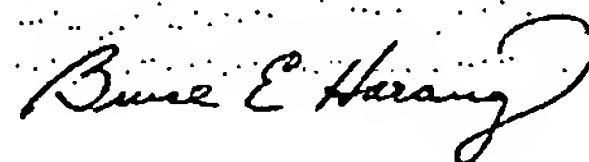
Clearly the cited reference does not disclose, teach, or suggest the method of mounting a bolt head to the surface of a power distribution box, or the use of dentations on the edges of a metallic mounting part to attach fixedly said bolt head. When viewed in this light it is clear that the claimed invention is now ready for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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Applicant acknowledges the prior art made of record but not relied upon as a basis of rejection by the Examiner. Since these references were not used as a basis of rejection Applicant makes no further comment regarding these references.

In view of the remarks herein, and the amendments hereto, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and such action and issuance of a timely Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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